and validation of these technologies for future enhanced capability missions and also to provide hands-on experience in handling complex mission operations such as step and stare manoeuvres.

Shortcoming in Implementation of MPLAD Scheme

2731. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to observations made by the C&AG of India in his Audit Brochure 2001 found out that there were many shortcomings in the implementation of MPLAD Scheme under which a sum of Rs.3221 crores has been spent since its inception;

(b) if so, what are these short-comings;

(c) whether the Ministry's role was confined to providing resources only without enforcing its bonafide utilisation; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures planned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) in their Report No. 3A of 2001 have pointed out certain instances of violation of Guidelines on MPLADS. Some of these are as follows :

(i) Execution of inadmissible works,

(ii) Sanctions of works for commercial and private organisations.

(iii) Irregular sanction of repair and maintenance works.

(iv) Purchases of stores.

(v) Expenditure on places of religious worship.

(vi) Expenditure on memorials.

(vii) Execution of works without recommendation of the MPs.

(c) and (d) Under the MPLAD Scheme, MPs recommend works to the concerned District Head who is to get them implemented by following the established procedure of the State Government. Funds are released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation directly to the District Head

according to the approved criteria. The works, under the Scheme, are to be monitored by the concerned District Heads and officers of the implementing agencies.

The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation is responsible mainly for timely release of funds and oversee the compliance of Guidelines by the District authorities while implementing the works recommended by the Members of Parliament. To achieve this, the Ministry has been advising the District Authorities from time to time.

Completion of Developmental Projects

†2732. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of development related projects was to be completed during the last three years, i.e., from March, 1998 till date:

(b) if so, the names of all such projects-and

(c) the number of projects actually completed during the said period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) Out of 184 projects scheduled to be completed during 1998-99, 63 projects were completed during the year. Out of 174 projects scheduled to be completed during 1999-2000, 78 projects were completed during the year. And, out of 124 projects scheduled to be completed during 2000-01, 65 projects were completed during the year. During the year 2001-02, 118 projects were scheduled to be completed by March,2002 against which 13 projects have been completed up to June, 2001. The names of all the projects due to be completed during the preceding three years and the current year and those which have been completed may be seen in the Quarterly Project Implementation Status Report for the periods January-March, 1999, January-March, 2000. January-March, 2001 and April-June,2001 placed in the Library of the Parliament.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House is adjourned for the day.

The House then adjourned at three minutes past eleven of the clock till eleven of the clock on Friday, the 14th December, 2001.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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